

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Inose, et al.
App. No	:	10/553,376
Filed	:	October 19, 2005
For	:	METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND A KIT AND APPARATUS FOR NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION
Examiner	:	Bertagna, Angela Marie
Art Unit	:	1637
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## AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action sent December 26, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.